

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter
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Diary Dates

Diary dates for the Autumn Term are shown below and will be included and updated on every newsletter.

01.05.18	Gribblybugs in Reception (a.m.)
01.05.18	Yr 2 SAT testing period begins
02.05.18	Year 4 trip to Poole's Cavern Derbyshire (8.15 departure) Need to be in school at 8 o'clock.
07.05.18	May Day - School closed
08.05.18	Year 1 trip to Ryton Pools
14.05.18	KS2 SATs testing week
22.05.18	Year 5 trip to Jorvik Centre, York (8.00 departure)
23.05.18	9.00 STWA Assembly
24.05.18	P.A. Discos - 5-6 R/1/2 and 6.16-7.15 3/4/5/6
25.05.18	School Photo Day
25.05.18	School finishes for half term
05.06.18 (Tuesday)	Children return to school
07.06.18	Year 5 to Bosworth Water Park
07.06.18	P.A. Meeting @ Bull and Anchor 6 o'clock - all welcome
08.06.18	9.15 - Reception class assembly for parents
13.06.18	New Reception and Nursery parents' information evening. 6 p.m. start

INSET 4th June 2018

2018/19 INSET (+ 1 more day to be set)
3rd September 2018 - 5th November 2018
7th January 2019 - 22nd July 2019

Attendance

YR 97%	Y4 98%	Winner this is: ★
Y2 96%	Y5 98%	Y1 99%
Y3 97%	Y6 98%	Well Done!

Attendance for week commencing 23rd April overall was 97.5%.

Very Good attendance achieved

Assembly Focus

This week's assembly focused on Friendship and Compassion. The children heard a story about being helpful even when we do not necessarily like the person we are helping - all the more reason to be helpful. It is easy to help someone we like and much harder to help someone we dislike or do not care for. It is important that we have compassion for others, especially those who are not as lucky as we are or belong to our group. We looked at the similarities between our story and the story of 'The Good Samaritan.' The Samaritan helped a stranger that was not liked his group of people but he saw beyond this and helped his fellow man. We all agreed to be helpful and compassionate even when it is hard to do.

Tesco Bags for school

We have been selected for the next round of Tesco Bags for School. We hope to fund an allotment area and an extra-curricular club by developing an area of the school. Please use your tokens to vote for the school over the next few months. Details attached regarding the scheme.

School Clubs

Monday	Library Club	Yr 6	3.15 - 4.15
	Reading Booster	Y6	3.15 - 4.30
	Chess Club	Exp Y3/4	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30-1.00
	Chess Club	Y3 & Y4	12.30-1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
	Cookery Club	Y4	3.15 - 4.45
	Maths Booster	Y6	3.15 - 4.30
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30-1.00
	Tennis	Y4/5/6	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	Chess Club	Yr 3 & Y4	12.30-1.00

SATs Breakfast Club

Once again we will be running the SAT's Breakfast Club. The children really enjoy this time together and it enables them to be settled and prepared for their tests. This year we will start at 8.00 and provide the usual toast, cereals and drinks for all. In response to requests from parents in previous years, we are able to

accept siblings at the same time to ease the pressure in the morning. The children can go straight to their classes but breakfast will only be available to Year 6 children. Please let me know if you envisage a problem. Again it is important that all Year 6 children attend every day. If your child can not attend for any reason please ring the school at 8.30 to inform staff. The school can allow children to take the test at a different time but we need to make arrangements to do this.

Universal Free School Meals

I would urge all families to take up the universal Free School Meals offered to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. We have a wide choice of healthy food available and my MDS staff are very good at encouraging children to eat a healthy meal. We have noticed that more children are bringing in packed lunches from home with crisps and chocolate as the main stay of the meal. Please try to encourage your children to try the healthy meals in school - we will of course let you know if they are not eating enough.

Parking outside school

Please ensure that you are taking the necessary steps to ensure all our children's safety when parking/collecting children outside school gates. Please park within the rules set out in the Highway Code and not on corners/bends; it is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. We still have no Crossing Patrol Officer and this is ongoing for the foreseeable future. When queueing for ice-cream please do not take up all of the pathway; make sure enough room is left for children to walk on the paths.

Jason Beresford Returns

Jason visited the school on Friday and spent the whole day with us. He entertained everyone in assembly with his stories and his acting - the children were very excited and mesmerised by his storytelling - and the staff enjoyed it too.

We all sang along to the 'Pantearer' song, sung by Jason and accompanied by his two best friends from their time at Wheelwright Lane School, Chris Twigger, on drums and Paul Gilbert on guitar. They had a little tour of the school and shared their memories with the staff and the children. They did note that the staff room door was still

the same one with the same plaque in place.

A super day for all and a big thank you to Jason, Chris and Paul for their time and energy. We hope to see them again soon.



School uniform including P.E. Policy

Please check the website for details of school uniform, including requirements for P.E. We have updated our P.E. Policy (attached) to ensure that information regarding clothing and regulations are clear for parents. Please read through to familiarise yourselves.

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit with them as it is part of the uniform and some children are often borrowing other children's kit on a regular basis which is not desirable or acceptable. We do have spare kit in school which can be borrowed the odd occasion that your child may have forgotten their kit.

Also please note the section on earrings. Earrings should be removed by the children before any sports activity. If the children are unable to do this themselves then they will need to be taken out at home in the morning. Further details are in the policy.

Some children are coming to school in trainers or footwear supplied by sports companies - **school shoes** only please for everyday use. If your child comes to school in trainers, as their shoes are temporarily unavailable due to being too small or worn out, then staff will ask that they put their black pumps on while in class. Sensible shoes also for the Summer term please - no sandals.

Head bands need to be in school colours, blue, white or black.

Out of school activities

Coventry Cathedral are celebrating their Centenary on **Saturday 5th May**
10.30 - 4.00pm

Free admission/Meet the Archbishop

Guided tours/Messy Church

Motionhouse performance

Family Activities/Prayer Stations

Free Tea & Coffee

Exhibitions/Birthday Cake & more

WHEELWRIGHT LANE NURSERY & SCHOOL calls out for votes to bag a share of Tesco's bag fund

Wheelwright Lane Nursery is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Wheelwright Lane Nursery is one of the groups on the shortlist.

Community Allotment Project

We are hoping to develop the courtyard area in-between the Reception class and the corridor into an allotment. Although the nursery is leading the project the whole school will benefit as the area will be open to all year groups. We also intend to offer an extracurricular gardening club to help maintain the area. If all goes to plan there will hopefully be plants and vegetables to share in the school and we will sell the produce to fund the up-keep of the garden. The reason we have titled the project a 'Community' allotment is that we would like to include parents and grandparents in its development as we know that you have a vast knowledge and we would appreciate your help.

Voting is open in two Tesco stores throughout May and June:

Tesco Extra in the centre of Bedworth

Tesco Express in Croft Road Nuneaton

Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £43 million to more than 10,000 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Alec Brown, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for March and April. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see these come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between."

"We're looking forward to learning the results of the customer vote and then supporting each group to bring their project to life."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

Ends

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores.
- So far Bags of Help has awarded £43 million to over 10,000 community projects.
- For more information please visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.